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REVOLUTIONARY LETTERS.

The originals of the following letters are preserved, amongst many others of great interest and value, in the archives of the church at Bethlehem.

HEAD QUARTERS 28th March 1778.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 25th instant by Mr Hasse: setting forth the injury that will be done to the Inhabitants of Letiz by establishing a General Hospital there—it is needless to explain how essential an establishment of this kind is to the welfare of the Army, and you must be sensible that it cannot be made any where, without occasioning inconvenience to some set of people or other—at the same time it is ever my wish and aim that the public good be effected with as little sacrifice as possible of individual interests—and I would by no means sanction the imposing any burthens on the people in whose favor you remonstrate, which the public Service does not require—The Arrangement and distribution of Hospitals depends intirely on Doctor Shippen, and I am persuaded that he will not exert the authority vested in him unnecessarily to your prejudice—It would be proper however to represent to him the circumstances of the inhabitants of Letiz; and you may if you choose it, communicate the contents of this Letter to him—I am Sir

Your most obed't Serv't

GO. WASHINGTON

Addressed "The Reverend Mr. Ettwein. Bethlehem."

BETHLEHEM September the 22d 1777

Having here observed a humane and diligent attention to the sick and wounded, and a benevolent desire to make the necessary provision for the relief of the distressed, as far as the powers of the Brethren enable them. We desire that all Continental Officers may refrain from disturbing the persons or property of the Moravians in Bethlehem, and particularly that they do not disturb or

molest the Houses where the women are assembled. Given under our hands at the time and place above mentioned

NATHAN BROWNSON	RICHARD HENRY LEE	} <i>Delegates of Congress.</i>
NATH'L FOLSOM.	WM. DUER	
JOHN HANCOCK.	COND. HARNETT	
SAMUEL ADAMS	HENRY LAURENS	
ELIPHT DYER	BENJ. HARRISON	
JAS. DUANE	JOS: JONES.	
	JOHN ADAMS	
	HENRY MARCHANT	
	WM WILLIAMS.	

[In the handwriting of Richard Henry Lee.]

My dear friend

Monsr. Gerard the Minister Plenepotentiary of France will be, provided he meets no obstruction on the Road, at Bethlehem on Wednesday the 25th Inst. about midday, this worthy Character merits regard from all the Citizens of these States, an acquaintance with him will afford you satisfaction and I am persuaded his Visit will work no evil or inconvenience to your community. Don Juan de Miralles a Spanish Gentleman highly recommended by the Governor of Havanna will accompany Mr. Gerard, the whole suite may amount to six Gentlemen and perhaps a servant to each I give this previous intimation in order that preparations suitable to the occasion may be made by Mr. Johnson at the Tavern, and otherwise as you think expedient. My good wishes attend you all I beg Mr Okely will forbear with me a few days longer I consider him a merciful Creditor and when an opportunity presents I will pay him more in one Act than all my words are worth.

Believe me Dear Sir to be with sincere respect and very great affection your friend and most humble Servant

HENRY LAURENS.

PHILADELPHIA. 23 Novem 1778.

The Revd. Mr. Edwin [Ettwein] Bethlehem.